

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1251

By Williams

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Dave Rider for his many accomplishments.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Dave Rider, who distinguished himself in his long career in Tennessee schools as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, a native of West Virginia, Mr. Rider's remarkable athletic talents earned him recognition as a high school All-American in the sports of football and basketball; he continued to wow West Virginia University Mountaineers fans with his abilities on the football and basketball teams while earning his Bachelor's of Science degree; and

WHEREAS, an educator devoted to providing the highest quality schooling for Tennessee's students, Dave Rider served as a teacher and Head Coach of the football team at Elizabethtown High School from 1976 to 2000; and

WHEREAS, his astounding record with the Fighting Cyclones football team includes ten conference championships, appearances in three state semi-finalist matches, and an overall record of 173 wins against only 72 losses, an admirable 76% winning percentage; his accomplishments earned him induction into the Elizabethtown High School Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, throughout the entirety of his coaching career, Coach Rider was chosen Coach of the Year thirteen times and won twelve conference championships; and

WHEREAS, at the time of his retirement, Dave Rider was the winningest coach in the State; and

WHEREAS, his many achievements were commemorated in 1999 when the football field at T.A. Dugger Junior High School was named the Dave Rider Field; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his work as one of Tennessee's finest educators and coaches, Coach Rider has contributed his time and talents to such notable causes as the board of the Boys and Girls Club of Elizabethtown/Carter County; and

WHEREAS, Dave Rider epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, his many professional accomplishments aside, Coach Rider is perhaps most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Deanna Yost Rider; his children, Kim and Scott Rider, who is married to Patty; his grandchildren, Ryan Witten, Hannah, Jason Witten and his wife, Michelle, Abigail, Shawn Witten and his wife, Katie, and Emily; and his great grandchildren CJ and Cooper Witten; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Dave Rider for his unswerving dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Dave Rider for his exceptional service to the children of Tennessee as a teacher and coach, salute his professional expertise, and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.